

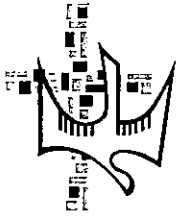
Welcome to Peace Lutheran Church



**Second Sunday after Epiphany
January 19, 2025**

Sharing God's love, growing in faith, and creating community...

Be at Peace.



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LUTHERAN CHURCH
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In Person and Online Worship
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PRELUDE

“How Great is Our God” Played by Messengers of Peace (MOP)
Chris Tomlin, Jesse Reeves, Ed Cash

WELCOME

Please stand for the confession.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
our creator,
our protector,
our wellspring of life.

C Amen.

P Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts, let us confess our sin.

Merciful God,

C you speak blessing and compassion into the world.

Forgive us for the ways we act

We ignore the needs of our neighbors;

we resist your call to oppose injustice;

we give in to scarcity and fear;

we assume the worst about one another.

Cleanse us from our faults

and release us from their grasp.

Show us your lovingkindness.

Restore our hearts and repair your world,

that we may live in Christ’s ways.

Amen.

P In the mercy of Almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake, God forgives us all our sins. As a minister of the Church of Christ and by his authority, I declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

GATHERING SONG

"What Feast of Love" (ELW 487)

all verses



1 What feast of love is of - fered here, what ban-quet come from heav - en?
2 What light of truth is of - fered here, what cov - e - nant from heav - en?
3 What wine of love is of - fered here, what crim-son drink from heav - en?



What food of ev - er - last - ing life, what gra - cious gift is giv - en?
What hope of ev - er - last - ing life, what won - drous word is giv - en?
What stream of ev - er - last - ing life, what pre - cious blood is giv - en?



This, this is Christ the king, the bread come down from heav - en.
This, this is Christ the king, the sun come down from heav - en.
This, this is Christ the king, the sweet - est wine of heav - en.



Oh, taste and see and sing! How sweet the man - na giv - en!
Oh, see and hear and sing! The Word of God is giv - en!
Oh, taste and see and sing! The Son of God is giv - en!

Text: Delores Dufner, OSB, b. 1939

Music: GREENSLEEVES, English ballad, 16th cent.

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GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray: Lord God, source of every blessing, you showed forth your glory and led many to faith by the works of your Son, who brought gladness and salvation to his people. Transform us by the Spirit of his love, that we may find our life together in him, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

Please be seated.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 62 : 1—5

read by Karen Olmsted

The people's return to Judah after the exile was marred by economic and political troubles. Nevertheless, the prophet declares, Jerusalem and Judah will be restored. God will rejoice over Jerusalem as a bridegroom rejoices over the bride, and the people are called to the celebration.

¹ For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,
until her vindication shines out like the dawn,
and her salvation like a burning torch.

² The nations shall see your vindication,
and all the kings your glory;
and you shall be called by a new name
that the mouth of the LORD will give.

³ You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD,
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

⁴ You shall no more be termed Forsaken,
and your land shall no more be termed Desolate;
but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her,
and your land Married;
for the LORD delights in you,
and your land shall be married.

⁵ For as a young man marries a young woman,
so shall your builder marry you,
and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride,
so shall your God rejoice over you.

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM : Psalm 36 : 5—10 (*Read responsively by whole verse.*)

⁵Your love, O LORD, reaches to the heavens,
and your faithfulness to the clouds.

⁶**Your righteousness is like the strong mountains, your justice like the great deep;
you save humankind and animals, O LORD.**

⁷How priceless is your love, O God!

All people take refuge under the shadow of your wings.

⁸**They feast upon the abundance of your house;
you give them drink from the river of your delights.**

⁹For with you is the well of life,
and in your light we see light.

¹⁰**Continue your lovingkindness to those who know you,
and your favor to those who are true of heart.**

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 12 : 1—11

read by Karen Olmsted

The congregation at Corinth experienced division as people were comparing their spiritual gifts, thinking some to be superior to others. Paul invites this fractured community to trust that God's Holy Spirit has gifted them all perfectly for their mission together.

¹ Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. ² You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. ³ Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says "Let Jesus be cursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit.

⁴ Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵ and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; ⁶ and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. ⁷ To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

⁸ To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹ to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰ to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹ All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

TIME FOR CHILDREN

Rev. Anna Anderson

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P The Holy Gospel according to John.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL: John 2 : 1—11

¹ On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. ² Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. ³ When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." ⁴ And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." ⁵ His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." ⁶ Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. ⁷ Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. ⁸ He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. ⁹ When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom ¹⁰ and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." ¹¹ Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated.

SERMON

Rev. Anna Anderson

Please stand as you are able

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Jesus, Come! For We Invite You” (ELW 312)

all verses



1 Je - sus, come! for we in - vite you, guest and mas - ter,
2 Je - sus, come! trans-form our plea - sures, guide us in - to
3 Je - sus, come! in new cre - a - tion, heav'n brought near in
4 Je - sus, come! sur - prise our dull - ness, make us will - ing



friend and Lord; now, as once at Ca - na's wed - ding,
paths un - known; bring your gifts, com-mand your ser - vants,
pow'r di - vine; give your un - ex - pect - ed glo - ry,
to re - ceive more than we can yet im - ag - ine,



speak and let us hear your word: lead us through our need or
let us trust in you a - lone: though your hand may work in
chang-ing wa - ter in - to wine: rouse the faith of your dis -
all the best you have to give: let us find your hid - den



doubt - ing, hope be born and joy re - stored.
se - cret, all shall see what you have done.
ci - ples— come, our first and great - est Sign!
rich - es, taste your love, be - lieve, and live!

Text: Christopher Idle, b. 1938

Music: UNION SEMINARY, Harold Friedell, 1905–1958

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APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen**

PRAYERS

A With the Spirit of Christ shining upon us, let us boldly pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

A Giver of gifts, you form each member of the church to serve. Inspire us to boldly use gifts of welcome and healing, service and teaching, leading and preaching, for the sake of your work in the world. God of grace,

C receive our prayer.

A Refuge of creatures, you place all the living under the shadow of your wings. Lead us in ways that tend to the needs of wild and domestic animals, creatures threatened by extinction, and the environment, especially the wildfires raging in California. God of grace,

C receive our prayer.

A Voice of the oppressed, you call prophets throughout time. We remember the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., a voice for racial and economic justice and for peace. Guide our nation in continuing to heed your prophetic call. Ahead of transition, we pray for wisdom in the incoming administration. In uncertainty, we pray for Peace and safety in the Holy Land. God of grace,

C receive our prayer.

A God of steadfast love, as Jesus celebrated at Cana, nurture marriages and relationships in mutual care; in times of separation or divorce hold tenderly broken hearts and broken dreams. Be present to all who are sick, grieving or in any need. God of grace,

C receive our prayer.

A Spirit of peace, celebrating this Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, we pray for neighboring congregations and ministry sites. Nurture our shared commitment to embody Jesus' love, justice, and healing. God of grace,

C receive our prayer.

A Wellspring of life, in living and dying we trust in you. We give thanks for the saints. Guide us in our living until, at last, we rest in you. God of grace,

C receive our prayer.

P We entrust our prayers to you, O God, in the sure and certain hope that your promise is revealed among the people.

C Amen.

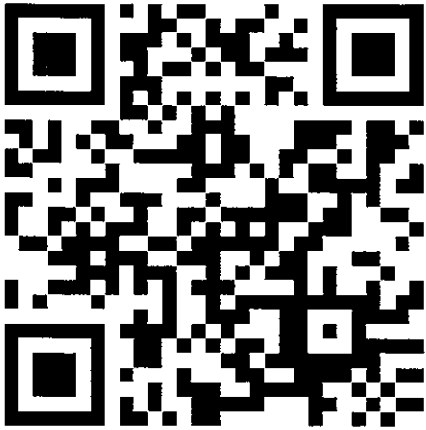
SHARING PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C And also with you.

OFFERING

Thank you to everyone who faithfully continues to support Peace's ministries. To give online, please use the [online giving portal](#). If you wish to give by cash or check, please put your offering in the plate.



Special Offering. Each month, Peace designates a recipient of our special offering. Individuals may choose to give a special gift - over and above their usual offering to Peace - in support of a particular ministry.

January's Special Offering is GlobalRefuge: [GlobalRefuge](#) is the largest faith-based nonprofit dedicated to serving vulnerable immigrants, asylum seekers, and refugees in the U.S. For more than 80 years, GlobalRefuge has been a champion for migrants and refugees from around the globe. Informed by their Lutheran faith and decades of experience with migrants and refugees, GlobalRefuge has responded to people caught in conflict and facing persecution. GlobalRefuge has developed new service programs, birthed new service organizations, and influenced public policy in the best interests of those they serve.

OFFERTORY

"This Little Light of Mine" (ELW 677)

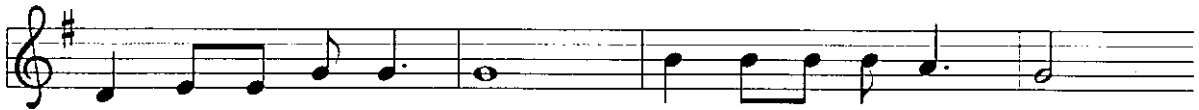
all verse



1 This lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
2 Ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
3 Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine;



this lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine;



this lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine,
ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine,
Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine,



let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERING PRAYER

A Let us pray together

**C God of heaven and earth,
from the beginning, you have called forth life,
in which you take delight.**

**The trees, the fields, and the seas sing for joy.
Bless now these gifts, received from your bounty,
that we may join the chorus of creation
to tell of your salvation from day to day.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations; in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son; and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

(Music on Next Page)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
 pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the
 name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

C Our Father, who art in heaven,
 hallowed be thy name,
 thy kingdom come,
 thy will be done,
 on earth as it is in heaven.
 Give us this day our daily bread;
 and forgive us our trespasses,
 as we forgive those
 who trespass against us;
 and lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil.
 For thine is the kingdom,
 and the power, and the glory,
 forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

For those worshipping in person: On the first Sunday of the month, we will commune around the altar railing. On the remaining Sundays of the month, we will commune using continuous distribution in one station. The ushers will indicate when it is your turn. Please be seated until then. You will come forward and receive bread. Then you will take a cup of red wine or white grape juice. All bread is gluten free. You will dispose your cup in the baskets on either corner of the altar railing.

For those worshipping online: The Pastor will invite you to partake of communion at the beginning of the meal before all are served in person. If you are with someone, please serve one another. If you are physically alone, you may serve yourself trusting these words: The Body of Christ given for you and The Blood of Christ shed for you.

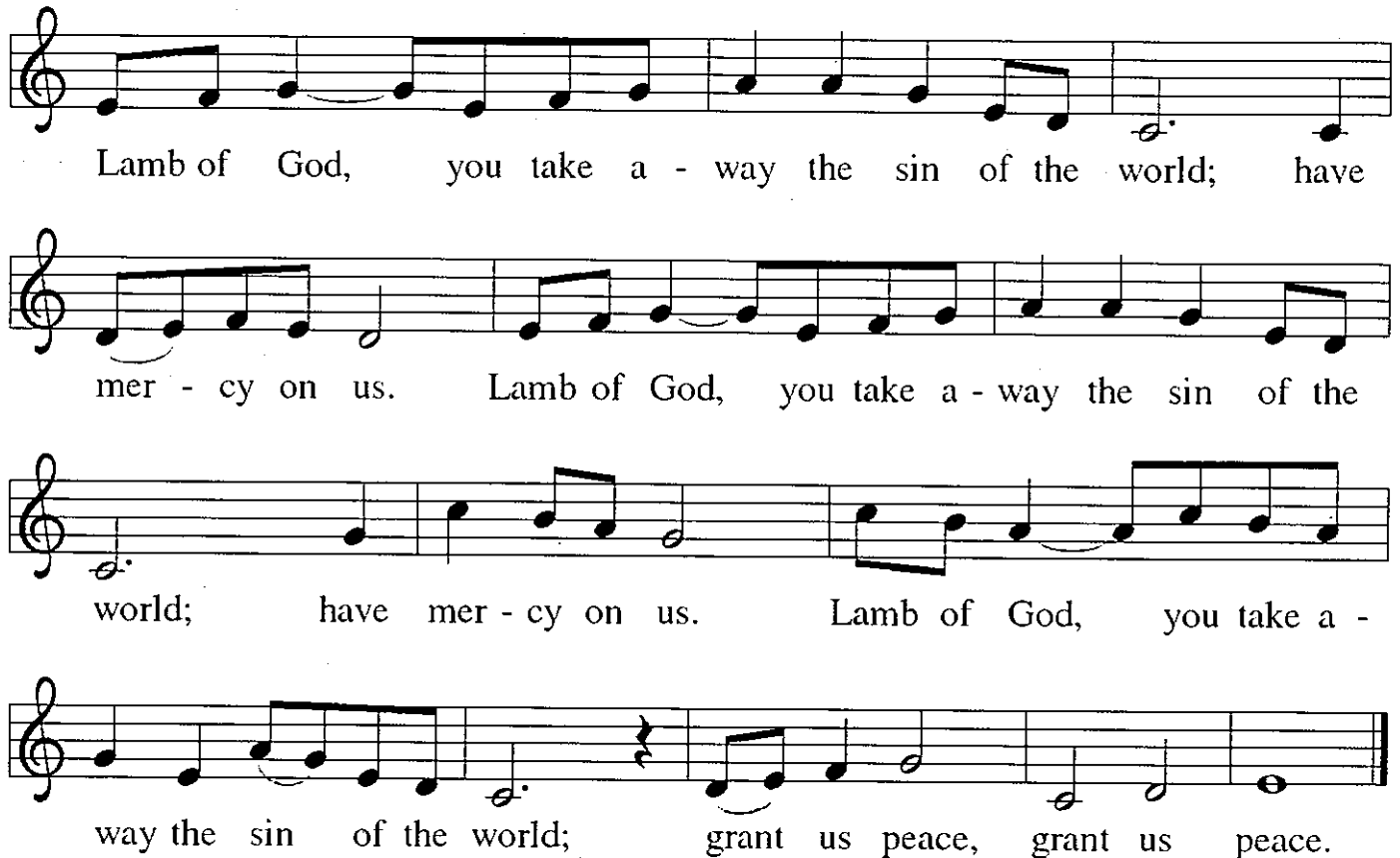
P God feeds us with tender mercy. Come to the table. All are welcome.

C Thanks be to God.

Please be seated.

COMMUNION HYMN

Lamb of God



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -
way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

"Your Love O Lord"

Sung by MOP

Mac Powell, Brad Avery, David Carr, Marl D. Lee, Tai Anderson

Please stand as you are able.

COMMUNION BLESSING

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace.

C Amen.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

P Let us pray,

C Generous God, we thank you for the gift of life, for the bread of salvation. We thank you for coming among us, for leading us into peace. We thank you for showering us with mercy, for sending us into the world. Come, Lord Jesus, and go with us as we feed the hungry in your name. Amen.

Please be seated.

MISSION MOMENTS

Please stand as you are able.

BLESSING

P: God of endings and beginnings,
God in the darkness and the light,
God, our hope for the journey,
✠ bless and keep you now and forever.

C Amen.

SENDING SONG

"Lift Every Voice and Sing" (ELW 841)

all verses



1 Lift ev - 'ry voice and sing till earth and heav - en ring,
 2 Ston - y the road we trod, bit - ter the chas - t'ning rod,
 3 God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent tears.



ring with the har - mo - nies of lib - er - ty,
 felt in the days when hope un - born had died;
 thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;



Let our re - joic - ing rise high as the lis - t'ning skies,
 yet with a stead - y beat, have not our wea - ry feet
 thou who hast by thy might led us in - to the light,



let it re - sound loud as the roll - ing sea,
 come to the place for which our par - ents sighed?
 keep us for - ev - er in the path, we pray.



Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;
 We have come o - ver a way that with tears has been wa - tered;
 Lest our feet stray from the plac - es, our God, where we met thee;



sing a song full of the hope that the pres - ent has brought us;
 we have come, tread - ing our path through the blood of the slaugh - tered,
 lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we for - get thee;



fac - ing the ris - ing sun of our new day be - gun,
 out from the gloom - y past, till now we stand at last
 shad - owed be - neath thy hand, may we for - ev - er stand,



let us march on till vic - to - ry is won,
 where the white gleam of our bright star is cast,
 true to our God, true to our na - tive land.

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace; Christ is with you.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

“Love Will Never Fail”

Played by MOP

Isaac Wardell, Leslie Jordan, Aaron Keys, Orlando Palmer, Paul Zach

The Worship has ended. The Service begins.

Please join us in the Fellowship Hall for refreshments and conversation.

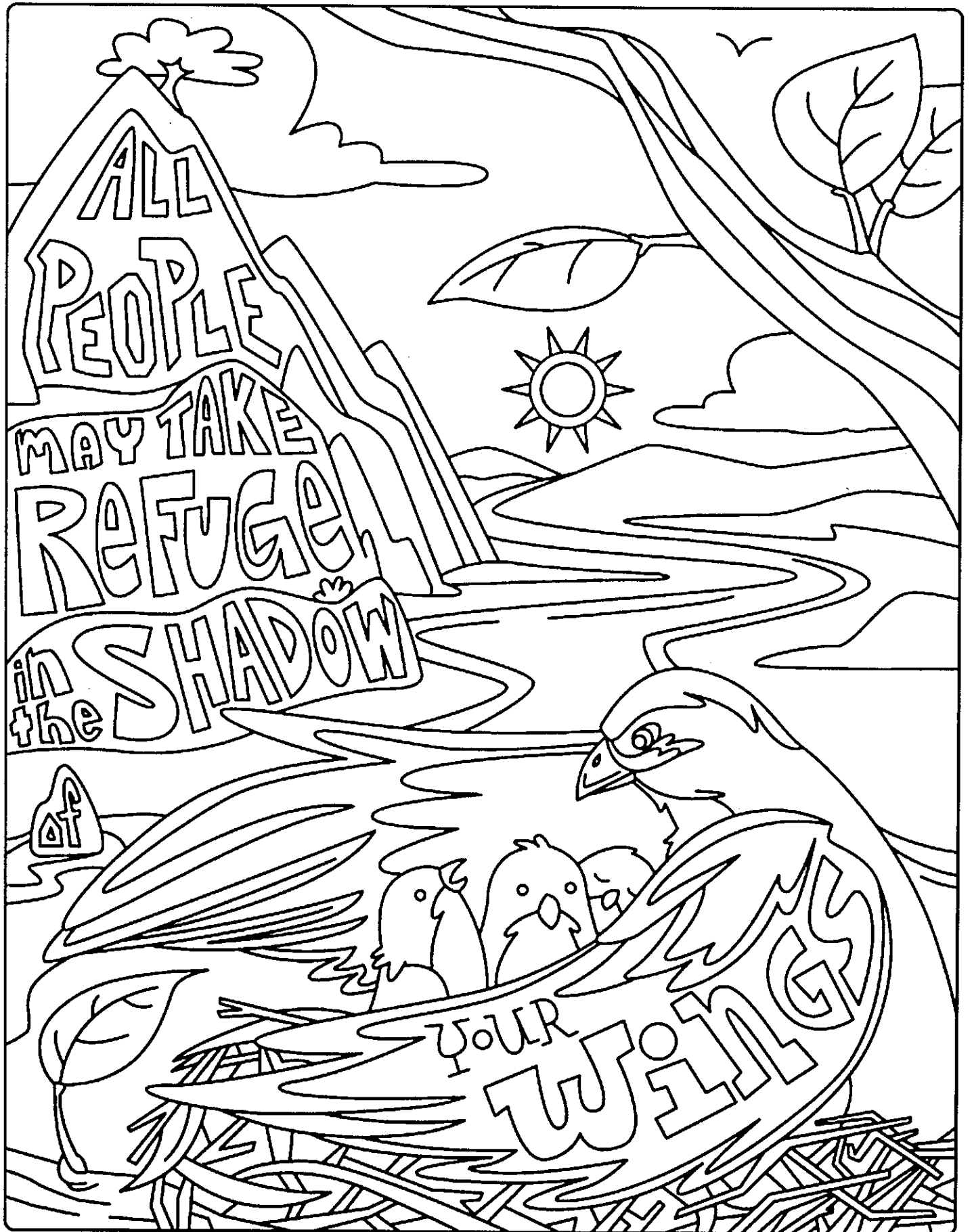
Thank you to Rev. Anna Anderson for preaching and presiding over worship this week!



Talk about Variety!

Epiphanies don't just happen in church—a sudden insight can lead to a “Eureka!” in scientific experiments, an “Aha!” in a detective's casework, a “Checkmate!” in a fierce chess game, and even a self-satisfied “Yes!” in Sudoku, crosswords, or finding a set of lost keys. So, too, epiphanies about the true nature of Christ come in a variety of words, actions, and places in our gospel readings during the Sundays after Epiphany.

First wise men from the east, then a dove from heaven and the voice of God, and now water into wine—all pointing to the glory and wonder of God-made-flesh. Just as we have been created and blessed with varieties of gifts, services, and activities, so too has God created and blessed us with varieties of epiphanies throughout human history. In our world that so often relies on an us-versus-them mentality, can we see the rich tapestry of differences as part of God's glory? Will we be able to look past our traditions, our comfort zone, and our familiarities to see the glorious diversity of God's revelation? Are we open to an epiphany in any form so that we can in fact “do whatever he tells you” (John 2:5)



Our Prayers:

- Prayers of peace for the people of Gaza and Israel ahead of this latest ceasefire agreement...
- Prayers of peace and protection for those facing the wildfires in California...
- Prayers of Wisdom for the incoming administration...
- Prayers for Nadine Krutzky-Mitchell who is asking for healing...
- Prayers of peace for Daniel Crabtree...
- Prayers for Peace's search for a Minister of Children, Youth, and Families...
- Prayers for the people of Ukraine that they may once again enjoy the freedom, democracy, and economic independence that they have been focused on since their independence...
- Prayers for the many citizens of Russia that are struggling under the oppression, misinformation, and depletion of their human and material resources under the authoritarian regime they have...
- Prayers for Gaza and Israel, Palestinians and Jews and all across the world impacted by the ongoing war between Israel and Hamas...
- For all in need, especially those who have known rejection, any who struggle with long-term illness or chronic pain, those without access to safe housing or health care, and any who suffer...
- For our congregation, for its artists and musicians, for its educators and caregivers, that all gifts are used to care for those in need and to live out your example of accompaniment, gospel witness, and love...

Peace Notes

Belvedere Food Bags Next Sunday: Join the Belvedere Food Bags team to assemble bags after the 10:30 service on Sunday, January 19.

Volunteers Needed: At Peace's January Annual Meeting we will need to elect three members to represent Peace at the Metro D. C. Synod Assembly in June. This is an especially important Assembly in that we will elect a new bishop of our Synod. Please talk to Pastor Doug about your questions or your interest.

ELCA Day of Racial Healing: Tuesday, January 21, gather virtually from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. EST for a day of worship, learning, and growth. The day begins with worship led by Rev. Dr. Jacqui Lewis. The agenda features hour-long sessions on topics such as "Arab Immigration and Lutheran Ministry in America," "The Asian Lutheran Experience," and "Posture for Actively Anti-racist Allies." To register and learn more, contact the church office.

Peace's Annual Meeting 1/26/25: Mark your calendar for Sunday, January 26th, 2025 following 10:30am worship. Peace is hosting our annual meeting for council to speak with the congregation. Make sure to stay after for lunch and fellowship!

Celebrating 50 Years of Bread for the World : This February, we're launching *Nourish Our Future*—an ambitious, multi-issue effort to convince Congress that we can and should end child hunger. Then, in June, we'll host our 50th Anniversary Advocacy Summit, bringing Bread advocates from across the country together to celebrate 50 years of achievements and advocate on Capitol Hill for policies that can help end hunger. 2025 is going to be a monumental year for Bread for the World!

Volunteer to Lead Sunday School: Sunday School is kicking off for our little ones at Peace! And we need your help to make it happen. Peace is looking for 2 parents to lead Sunday School each Sunday morning during 10:30am worship until 11:20am. Curriculum and materials are provided. Register using the QR code on the left!



PEACE WARMLY WELCOMES ALL PEOPLE, NO EXCEPTIONS!

WORSHIPPING WITH US FOR THE FIRST TIME? We receive you as a gift from God. Please email info@sharingpeace.org to be added to the weekly e-news. Also, look for a yellow welcome folder by the entrance.

THIS SERVICE IS LIVE-STREAMED. If you prefer never to appear on camera, let an usher know and they will seat you in an off-camera area.

CHILDREN ARE WELCOME IN WORSHIP. We have a staffed nursery available as well; please ask an usher to direct you. The nursery attendants will bring kids to the sanctuary for the Time for Children.

Thanks to all who help lead worship. If you would like to volunteer to help, please contact info@sharingpeace.org

ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP	TODAY	Jan. 26, 2025
Tech and Sound	Stu Whitehead, Andrew Tlusty	Peyton Danner, Andrew Tlusty
Lector	Karen Olmsted	Judy Hughes
Acolyte		
Assisting Minister		
Altar Care	Tammy Heppner	Rose Stillwell
Ushers	Tammy Heppner, Arwen Lujan-Siles	Ardell Hoveskeland, Rose Stillwell
Tellers	Ray Marquardt	Ray Marquardt

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